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SECTION TWO.

Payment By Government on Same Basis As Individual Asked to Settle Trouble.

By BILL PRICE,

District officials are today expectand Federal governments on an the same as individuals.

undertake an investigation along the Capital of the Nation. these lines, there will be opeend a wide and interesting field.

Senator Moses of New Hampshire has introduced a resolution in the Sen-ate asking the District to furnish the Senate a complete list of all untaxable the Federal Government 50 per cent the Senator introduced a bill amenithat appropriations by Congress for the District shall be paid from fund: of the Federal and District governments subject to assessment and taxation in the same manner as if it be-

House-Senate Agreement.

yielded the House attempt to do away tions. with the half-and-half plan they did so under an agreement with the Senate conferees that the Senate would enter into a thorough investigation of existing fiscal relations before the Unit passage of another District appro-Congressman Sisson of Missouri,

Senate protect "tax-dodgers" in the District, was urgent in his insistence that an agreement be reached with the Senate conferees before giving up the House demands, it has been

Senator Moses is not a member of the Senate District Committee, but the fact that he is asking for data on taxation indicates his purpose to have the Senate again go into the

ort. The committee did not favor the half-and-half law, but did recommend that until some more equitable law

Some Taxation Facts. The facts that will be sent to Senator Moses by the assessor's office of the District will reveal that the Feder_| and District governments, together with charitable, educational and religious institutions, own real estate properties here now exempt from taxation that are estimated to be worth about 40 per cent of the total. individuals and corporations owning

For the last taxable year the total assessed valuations of land and improvements in the District was \$414,-G10,691, upon which the people here paid \$6,219,160 in taxation

Assessor Richards a year or so ago made an estimate of the taxable value of land and improvements owned by the Federal and District governments. He must include in that number of buildings since conprovement valuations belonging to a "trivial matter." the Government at \$233,124,924, of the District government at \$14,741,603, and of charitable, educational, and religious institutions now exempt at \$24,000,000, or approximately \$272,-

Personal Property Valuations. There has never been an attempt to estimate the value of the "personal" belongings of the United States and District governments, al though they would presumably average 40 per cent of the total taxable personal property within the District. A citizen of the District pays taxes on his office deaks, chairs and other furniture, there being no exemptions except for household furniture up to \$1,000 in value. The Federal Government is equipped with the best of furniture: it owns large numbers of trucks, automobiles and other prop- assistant director of sales of the War erties, being far better equipped in Department, who is to speak on the personal belongs than the average distribution of Army supplies. citizen who pays taxes on his office and business burniture and proper-

In the past when the question of taxing Government properties here argument has been advanced that the recital at 7:30 o'clock. Federal Government should not be taxed upon certain or its lands that are partly used by the public. The Capitol grounds and the Department of Agriculture grounds are illustrations. The contention has been made that as these are semi-public parks they ought not to be included in taxable assessments.

Should that view ever prevail the Federal Government would escape taxation on valuable lands that are now included in the estimates of the

per foot. The citizen must also pay mobile of Frank Beach of 1216 Sixth compelled to make two extra trips to is represented by Attorney Thomas for all sidewalk improvements and street northwest.

BAND CONCERT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1919, GAR-FIELD PARK (THIRD AND S. C. AVE. S. E.) 7:30 P. M., MARINE WALTER F. SMITH, Second Leader. March, "The Red Cross"...... Frey
Overture, "Pique Dame".... Suppe
Fantasia. "The Army Chaplain"
Milloecker
Cornet Solo, "Bride of the Waves"

Scene-The Storm-Prayer, and Even-

ing at the Inn. March, "Entry of the Gladiators" "The Star-Spangled Banner."

street extensions, from which the Government is exempt. The citizen likewise pays special taxes on automobiles, wagons, etc.; licenses for various' things. The Government does

none of these things. Commissioner Gardiner, who has ing a thorough airing by the Senate studied this question carefully, beof the question of establishing the lieves that if the Federal Government passes in review before President future fiscal relations of the District had to pay an exact basis with all citizens it would pay into the proposed fund of Senator Moses just equitable tax basis by which the Fed- about 50 per cent of the total, upholderal Government will pay taxes just ing the contention that the Federal and District Governments should bare In the event that the Senate does equal proportions of the upkeep of

World's Finest City. Comissioner Gardiner, if ever called upon to present facts, is satisfied that

In connection with the Moses plan ing the half-and-half act by providing there would be presented as o igreatest importance whether the private citizen would have to share equally raised by taxation of all property in the District; abolishing public and pense in taxation, the upkeep of private exemptions; making property Washington as the most beautiful city

Could this policy of making Washington the nation's most beautiful city the First Division, and the man who longed to individuals or corporations, be imposed upon the taxpayer in equal led them, General Pershing. The shares with the Government that con- Commander-in-Chief, who is expected It has been understood for some trols and operates that city? This to arrive in the United States about time that when the House conferees would be repeatedly before any Sen- September 10, will come to Washingon the last District appropriation bill ate comittee conducting investiga- ton immediately and report to the

WILL DE GIVILIAN

Brownlow Says Idea That Man Will Be Chosen From Force Is "Misconception of Idea."

District Commissioner Louis Brownducted long investigations of the sub- low, who was at the White House torelations and made a voluminous re- that his understanding of the plan ing the reorganization of the Metro could be passed Congress be guided the New York system, which, he said, would mean that the superintendent would be a civilian rather than a mar

from the ranks of the force. "It is a misconception of the idea to assert that the plan in question would mean that the head of the Police Department would be a police officer," said Mr. Brownlow.

Commissioner Brownlow reiterated the statement that he "welcomed" an investigation of the police. He said that such an investigation as planned had been requested by himself and Major Pullman

It was denied by Mr. Brownlow that his visit to the White House today, although he did not see President Wilson, concerned in any way the appointment of a successor to Commisdiscussed the subject and had

President yesterday afternoon. Mr. might expect from the troops to folstructed by the Federal Government. Brownlow said that it did not relate low. Frequent raids and counter These estimates, very carefully pre- to the police on the question of Mr. raids were launched and repulsed by pared, gave the total land and im- Gardiner's successor. He said it was the division, then getting its first taste

is to be held at Trinity Civic Forum tonight at Third and C streets northwest. The public is invited. ple" for Washingtonians; Commissioner Brownlow, and E. C. Morse,

Following the speaking the public. is invited to take part in the active arrive they will go to Camp Mills wives with such success that the discussion of "How to Reduce the High Cost of Living.

Preceding the opening of the forum has been under consideration the at 8:15 o'clock there will be an organ

Two alleged whiskey thieves were held yesterday at Marshall Hall. Philheld for the action of the grand jury lip Love, of Prince George's county preferred against him in a suit for Although Senator Moses' bill would by Judge Hardison in the United Md. captured the championship from an absolute divorce by his wife, Mrs. put the Federal Government on ex- States branch of Police Court this H. D. Hurst, of Alexandria county, Irene Peck, Albert E. Peck, one of actly the same basis as all taxpayers, morning. They waived hearing and Va. The event was the thirty-fifth one the Preck, one of the Preck it would, to be fair, have to go the their bonds were placed at \$500 each, of its kind held annually at Marshall day filed his answer in the District extent of requiring the Government | They are Ogle Jackson and Daniel Hall, and is said to have been the Supreme Court. He says he made to pay many of the special forms of Anderson, both colored, arraigned on most successful ever undertaken in futile efforts to regain his wife's taxes from which citizens are not charges of entering the home of Rob- this vicinity. A meeting for veterans of the war serve six months on the same charge. In the United States branch of the war for water and sewer extensions. These cost the private property owner \$1.25 of whiskey and a robe from the autoper foot. The citizen must also pay mobile of Frank Beach of 1216 Sixth compelled to make two extensions. exempt. The Federal Government, un-like the private citizens, does not pay whiskey, valued at \$250. Jackson is Harron and Lee Love.

Celebration Upon Return of Gen. Pershing to Be Greatest In Capital's History.

When the First Division, led by General John J. Pershing, parades down Pennsylvania Avenue and Wilson in front of the White House in September, Washington will witness the greatest military spectacle seen since the days when Grant's tattered but victorious army marched in the grand review of 1865.

General Pershing was today offiicially notified by cable from the Adjutant General of the Army of the decision of the Secretary of War to have the First American Division parade in Washington.

The announcement coming yesterday from the War Department promising that the First Division's parade here was assured, and that the presence in Washington of the troops would be coincident with that of General Pershing, are predictions that the nation will seek to honor its victory in a grand review of troops which typify America's part in the world

The representative troops will be Secretary of War that his task is finished; he is ready for orders. And before receiving those orders General: Pershing will accept the thanks of a nation, exemplified in honors now planned for him by the President and

Welcome To Be Fitting. And those who remember the departure of the First for France a litle after the declaration of war in April, 1917, have stated that the nation's welcome will be fitting and timely. The First embarked in small detachments for foreign soil when overy movement of troops was veiled in the greatest and most complete

The units composing the divisionhe Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twentysixth and Twenty-eighth infantry regiments; the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh artillery regiments; the First engineers and train; the Second field signal battalion, and the Third, Fourth posts in the United States and rushed present vacancies. n troop trains across the continent to

great struggle this advance guard of is expected to aid the situation. country, and alone in a strange land are in the course of construction. hey went about preparing the way sector at first. It always had been year. a comparatively quiet sector until the Americans came. And then the Germans for the first time learned the Regarding his conference with the make-up of Americans, and what they

a trench warfare and its baptism of Tre, and when the news of the First's stay in the sector became known among the allies, the morale of the French and British began to rise.

operation, fifteen kilometers south-An 'old-fashioned town meetings the battle of St. Miniel; the Meusetor, one kilometer west of Varennes; attacking the heights bordering the Meuse on the morning of November 7.

> barkation the 15th of this month, The was held yesterday evening. and Camp Merritt, both near New plan will be repeated. York, and wait for the arrival of The "schoolyard market," of Dun the last transports. Then they will bar High School, will open every parade in New York, and be brought Wednesday and Saturday morning to Camp Mills, following the parade Eggs, corn, apples, tomatoes, chickthere, for the real home-coming cele ens. potatoes, and peaches will be bration in Washington. After the pa- sold at low prices. Camp Mills until transportation is and more than two hundred people provide I taking the various units to took advantage of the opportunity to

new posts in the United States. ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

A tournament and fancy ball was

bring some of the excursionists home. W. O'Brien,

Experts Showing Best Methods of Canning Foods



Government food experts demonstrating the best method of canning in Potomac Park yesterday. Reading from left to right are W. C. Hall, Miss Mary E. Keown and W. R. Beattie.

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Assistant Superintendent Kramer Expects Record Enrollment This Year.

Expecting enrollment in the public schools this year to establish a record, Stephen E. Kramer, assistant superintendent of schools, today began and Fifth ambulance companies and a canvass of the city in an effort to field hospital were taken from their secure every available teacher to fill

intendent Kramer anticipates a difficult time in securing competent in-The soldiers did not know they structors. The recommendations of were going. Their friends and fami the High School Teachers' Union that lies did not know they were going, a minimum wage of \$1,500 be estaband while a nation prepared for a lished for school teachers, however,

fighting men was slipped quietly Congestion in the schools is expectacross the ocean. Many did not know ed to be greatly relieved by the re- United States Shipping they were in France until months cent completion of forty portable mistake this morning. later. Careful censorship prevented school buildings in various parts of news of what they did reaching this the city. Twenty more buildings now During the past three years the for their million comrades to follow. Public schools have faced a fuel buting copies of office memorandum.

The division first ocupied the Som- shortage. This condition has resulted No. 126, which supplements office employes, Sunday night in Boston. merville sector, ten kilometers in the temporary closing of the memorandum No. 121 concerning ap- and I think that the assurances I declares that everybody is "against" southeast of Nancy, It was a "quiet" schools. No shortage is expected this pointments, they will not be too gave that the President would be glad him.

Final plans for the opening of schools | with the interesting information: Action on the establishment of a the old Central High School, Seventh and O streets northwest, will be and approved by the chairman. This taken. Before the old building can applicable both to the Shipping Board be used improvements will have to and to the division of operations."

the operation against Mouzon, and the ing to cut the cost of living by "tot- the chairman he has the right idea fight south and southwest of Sedan, ing" their own market baskets, the Community Center, through the pub-Brest and other French ports of em- G streets southeast, a "farmer' night first arrivals are expected to dock farmer brought his produce to the at Hoboken on the 27th. As the units school and sold directly to the house-

buy fresh country produce at fair

PRESIDENT'S GUARD

Denying allegations of misconduct love and that on May 5 they separ-

President's Callers Today.

12:30 p. m .- Armas Herman Saastamoinen, provisional Minister of 2:15 p. m .- Judge Robert Ewing, of 2:45 p. m .- Dr. Matthews, of Seattle, 4 p. m .- George S. Johns, of St.

GAVE NOTE OF BOSS

Shipping Board Messenger Hands Office Letter to All Munsey Building.

The little blue-eyed, sandy haired, freckled face boy who works for the United States Shipping Board made a other workers," said Congressman But if his employes are aware of

the earnest, careful and painstaking The next meeting of the Board of error in furnishing everybody he saw ed a strike. Education is set for September 3. in the Munsey building this morning "By direction of the chairman. please be informed that no more appointments will be made until recommendation has been submitted to

The little fellow who thought he was carrying out instructions to give copies of the memorandum to all the Shipping Board employes had a multitude of messages to carry back to his "boss." Some of them were "Tell the chairman I heartily agree with him:" "Now that's woat I call darn good business;" "Well, if that don't bring down the cost of living don't know what will:" "I have no recommendations to make for em ployes just now:" "I thought they would supplement that first memo If Washington housewives are will- randum sooner or later," and "Tell

The first annual seashore cere monial of Kallipolis Grotto, No. 15, M. O. V. P. E. R., was held yesterday rade here they will be stationed in | The market was opened yesterday at Chesapeake Beach, during which

eremony, exhibitions by Lieut, F. G. Scott of nose diving and looping the loop in an airplane entertained the 5.500 persons who attended the ceremonial. Mrs Samuel B. Milton gave an exhibition of deep water swimming and life saving. Athletic events and a band concert concluded the program.

Seventy-five young employes of the transportation and telegraph ernment Recreation League.

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Agrees to Conference With of his outfit he learned it had been Their Representatives Next Week .

will be commensurate with increases granted to railroad employes will be between 5 and 6 o'clock. the subject of a conference to be held ferent groups and President Wilson, that one of the men with whom he ranged the appointment. "While it seems that the postal em-

Fitzgerald. "I am not averse to the curler. railroad employes getting a living wage, but I believe that all workers "I addressed a meeting of Governharsh with the youngster for his to take up their cause actually avert-

the top-notch salaries. I have had a from the army. number of letters about this condition here. It seems that a large number of competent clerks, who have and Annapolis car when he saw Cum- ways of helping the 34,000 employer been long in the service, are receiving mings, and that the latter gave him of that department to save money on

It is expected when the various representatives of employes confer ed from a train at Bowie road about to \$10 to the employes of the depart with the President that Senator Walsh and Congressman Fitzgerald

daughter, Mary Ella, as nineteen cense in Rockville last week, Mrs. southwest, appeared before Judge W. Frank Gaither, in police court in Rockville yesterday and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Bernard Carter Soo, of Washington, She charged him with perjury.

According to Mrs. Coleman's testimony, Soo was married to Mary Ella Coleman in Rockville, July 28, last The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Millard F. Minnick, rector of the Christ Episcopal Church, of Rockthat she did not know of the marriage until Tuesday evening, when Soo tele phoned here and told her that he and her daughter had been married in

Mrs. Coleman told Judge Gaither hat following the marriage in July tenced to serve six months in jail. He COSTS HIM \$10 TO her daughter had returned to her was arrested after threatening Policethe telephone call from Soo.

WAR VETERANS TO MEET.

northwest.

Prince George's County Authori- Half of Capital's Quota Here ties to Ask Extradition of George Cummings.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas V. warrison oday secured a warrant for George Cummings, the negro arrested here in connection with the killing of Jeorge Peters, a farmer at Jericho cars alloted to the District having Park, Md., Sunday afternoon, charg- arrived by noon today. ing him with murder. The warrant was secured from Justice of the Peace Herbert J. Moffat, of Hyatts-

artradition papers will be immediately sought by Frince George coun-

A new phase in the investigation in connection with the killing of George Peters, Jericho Park farmer, and the wounding of his daughter, Katherine, Sunday afternoon, developed today when the negro told Detective Lieutenant Burlingame that he is an escaped convict and that the name of George Cummings is an alias. Cummings told the detectives that his correct name is Wright Strawder, and that he was arrested in Mc-Intyre, Ga., two years ago. Cummings further stated that he was sentenced to twenty years for stealing a "pair of shoes," but escaped from jall a short time before being taken to the

The negro then told the detectives that he changed his name to John Kendrick, and enlisted in the army. He was unable to say in what city he enlisted and in what camp he near a body of water. Detectives be-

After being in camp awhile, Cummings said, he "went away." but could not say how long he was gone. When he returned to camp in search

sent overseas, he said. He then changed his name to George Cummings, and started north. A short time after the negro had been sent back to the Seventh precinct station, Detectives Scrivener, Sweeney and Kelly questioned Nor-A more equitable scale of salaries velle Cummings, his wife. She told ket plan. An appreciable saving, it is for all Government employes and a the detectives that he left her father's claimed, can be made by buying diconsideration in that regard which house at 813 Twenty-sixth street northwest around 9 o'clock Sunday morning and returned that evening

On the following morning, detecnext week by representatives of dif- tives learned, Cummings told his wife Business High School, on Rhode Is-Senator Walsh and Congressman Fitz- worked at a dairy here, had died and gerald, both of Massachusetts, called he was going to the house. On Monat the White House today and ar- day morning, detectives said. Cum-

mings wore a slouch hat. ployes have received the most shabby he did not return until Tuesday morntreatment at the hands of the Govern- ing, only a few minutes before he ment in respect to wages, there are was placed under arrest. Upon his remany instances of rank injustice to turn, she said, he brought her some beads, a pair of earrings, and a hair

Still Denies Guilt. Although Cummings has been identified as the negro who was seen in ment employes, including many postal day, he still denies that he was in that section on the day of the crime. He

The negro was identified yesterday by an official in one of the Govern by Jesse Grant, colored, of Patuxent, ment departments of a co-operative "Many of the oldest employes here Md., which is about three miles and a buying and selling store. in Washington are still receiving low half from the Peters' farm, and John salaries, while the newcomers have Luers, of Bowie, recently discharged "community" store in the subbase

Grant is said to have declared that department buildings, if developed he was on a Washington, Baltimore may prove one of the most effective the same salaries they did a decade a cigarette. Deputy Sheriff Garrison, their foodstuffs. of Montgomery county, said last night that Grant declare Cummings alight- sell tickets in denominations from \$3 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Met Negro On Hoad.

Luers, according to Garrison, said e was walking along Bowie road and allowing the employes to buy as oward the railroad tracks when he net Cummings going in an opposite direction a short time later. Cumnings passed Luer, it is said, and imply said "good morning" and pas-

Washington yesterday. Lieutenant Burlingame wired to McIntyre, Ga., requesting the chief per cent. of police of that city to send all

available information regarding Cum- of such a plan, it was explained that

Nathaniel T. Duffey, colored, was entenced to a year in the District by Judge Hardison, in the inited States branch of police court esterday, for "toting" a gun. The policy of "soaking" all weapon arriers with the limit will be carried intil a decrease is noted in the number of cases brought into court. William Entminzger, colored, charg ed with "intoxication" and carrying a revolver, was fined \$10 and sen-

Hubert Horne was placed on probation, in order that he might enlist in the army, after being sentenced to

He was wounded.

MD. FARMER ARRIVE IN D. C.

Hold Postal Sales Till More Cars Come.

Washington's quota of surplus army food is arriving piecemeal, a tota of thirty cars of food out of the sixty

Postoffice officials today declarer that as soon as a sufficient variety of articles of food had arrived, st that all the items on any order could be filled, the work of taking order would be resumed again and distri bution by parcel post would begin of George Cummings, the negro held Six cars arrived this moring, but up to noon today they had not been in spected by War Department officials

and their contents were not known Assistant Postmaster Kerlim today said some of the cargo had been en route since August 7. Officials a the War Department, however, asser that every possible effort is being made to bring the food here, despite freight embargoes and labor trouble on the railroads. Part of the shipment from New Orleans has already arrived, it was stated, and tomatoes from Baltimore are on the way to Washington. Shipments are also reported en route from Chicago and

Urge Quick Distribution.

Housewives are warned not to give their orders for the food that will be delivered by parcel post to any trained other than the camp was one except their regular mail carrier Officials in the office of the dilieve the camp was in Newport News. rector of sales of the War Depart He was unable to say in what com- ment are still urging postoffice au any or in what branch of the service | thorities to distribute the supply that

is now on hand. The list of surplus army food postoffice here to consumers in the District now includes quantities of corned beef, roast beef, peas, corn dried beans, baked beans, sweet potatoes, asparagus, pineapple, pota toes, pumpkin, squash, syrup and jam

Direct Buying Urged. In the meantime, local officials are advocating that housewives take advantage of the "cash and carry" marrectly from the producer at the mu

nicipal market. Retail and wholesale food dealers o Washington will meet tonight in the land avenue between Eighth and Ninth street, with Clarence R. Wilson chairman of the fair price committee to discuss the matter of fair margin

of profit. Tomorrow night in the Distric building the special committee on co operative buying of the Federal Em loyes' Union, No. 2, will present plan to the union, and it is expected that steps will be taken to form ; permanent organization of group

buying.

Urges Community Store. One of the most novel, and probably one of the most effective, schemes ye advanced to solve the focal high cost of living problem is that suggested

The idea, to establish a sort of

ment of one of the big Government The plan as outlined proposes to

ment, thereby gaining a capital with It is then intended to purchase a large variety of foodstuffs in carload lots to their needs with the tickets previously purchased.

Means Big Saving.

By buying in carload lots and elim nating the profits accruing to deal-Mrs. Harry Neary, wife of a track ers, it is expected that from 25 to 56 oreman at Severn, Md., who was to per cent on all commodities can be dentify Cummings, did not come to saved. It was said that the overhead and selling charges in this undertaking would amount to a fraction of I

> of the departments, were able to save their patrons as much as 20 to 36 cents on a pound of butter, by a system of co-operating buying directly

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO DISCUSS STREET CAR TOPIC

The street car situation will be discussed at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, at S:30 tonight, and a special meeting of the committee on public utilities of the chamber, at 8

There will also be a meeting of the special committee on returning soldiers, sailors and marines at 7:45

STEAL QUART OF MILK

Ten dollars for a quart of milk. That is what it cost Henry J. Burke. A meeting for veterans of the war serve six months on the same charge, in the United States branch of the Fort Washington last night.

Will be held Monday evening at listments with the Canadian army and from the Sanitary Grocery Company The trip was planned by the Gov- Pythian Temple, 1912 Ninth street that he had "gone through Flanders." and forfeited collateral. He was arrested by T. O. Montgomery.